

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 715

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to recognize Jackie Charles, recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Charles is one such exemplary person, and her commitment to community involvement has been recognized by the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award; and

WHEREAS, in her professional life, Jackie Charles is Vice President and Business Development Officer for First Community Bank; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Charles is President of the Rogersville Main Street Board and is a member of the board of directors for the Boys and Girls Club of Hawkins County, the Rural Health Consortium, Shades of Nefertiti, and the Upper East Tennessee U.S. Selective Service Board; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Charles is a member of the Rotary Club and is active in the Rogersville and Hawkins County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Charles previously served on the board for the Rogersville and Hawkins County Chamber of Commerce and the Regional Upper East Tennessee Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependency; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Charles has been involved with Hawkins County School and Family Engagement, the Tennessee Governor's Conference on Economic Development, Business and Professional Women, Tennessee Valley Authority Consumer Connection, MDDDDA, the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, Habitat for Humanity, Relay for Life, the Rogersville 4th of July Committee, CASA, and the Rogersville Little League; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Charles brings outstanding leadership ability, excellent problem solving skills, and fundraising acumen to all her volunteer endeavors; and

WHEREAS, her devotion to serving her community has earned Jackie Charles many awards, including Tusculum College's East Tennessee Outstanding Character and Civic Responsibility Award, Milligan's Christian Service Leadership Recognition, African-American Leadership Award, AHERN Professional of the Month, Rogersville BPW Woman of the Year, the *Rogersville Review's* Best of the Best Business Woman, and the Chamber of Commerce's Board of Director of the Year, Community Volunteer of the Year, and Member of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Charles is involved in various leadership ministries at her church, Hasson Street Christian Church, where her beloved husband, Roy Charles, is pastor; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Charles is an exemplary citizen, and her commit to helping others through volunteerism is representative of the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize Jackie Charles for her outstanding community leadership, congratulate her for receiving the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.